

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the fundamental rights and freedoms we cherish as Americans are rooted in the ideals of our Founding Fathers and recorded in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, these core principles continue to endure the test of time, forming the foundation of our democracy and the common bond that unites our diverse population; and

WHEREAS, all Americans share responsibility for the preservation of the basic rights and privileges granted by these historic documents through a shared commitment to the ideals upon which our country was founded; and

WHEREAS, March 16, 2005, marks the 254th anniversary of the birth of James Madison, "Father of the Constitution," co-author of the Federalist Papers, promoter of the Bill of Rights, Congressman, Secretary of State, and President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2005, as

LIBERTY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize with appreciation the importance of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution and its Bill of Rights to our freedom and democracy.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA